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This resource was created by the Arkansas State Archives to inform you of the resources available at our agency. This guide will assist you in conducting research on topics related to Immigration history and conducting genealogical research on ancestors. This is not a comprehensive guide to our archival holdings, but provides starting points for your research. For more information, visit the Arkansas State Archives website at archives.arkanaas.gov or contact the research room at 501.682.6900.

Microfilm

Naturalizations

Baxter County Records: Naturalization Records, 1914-1918 [County Roll 000190]

Baxter County Records: Naturalization Petitions, 1913-1929 [County Roll 000190]

Benton County Records: Naturalization Records, 1912-1930 [County Roll 000252]

Boone County Records: Naturalization Records, 1907-1920 [County Roll 000301]

Bradley County Records: Naturalization Records, 1908-1914 [County Roll 000373]

Carroll County Records: Naturalization Records, Books "1-2," 1911-1922 [County Roll 000460]

Clay County Records: Naturalization Records, 1919-1921 [County Roll 000774]

Cleburne County Records: Naturalization Records, 1909-1920 [County Roll 000825]

Crawford County Records: Naturalization Certificates, 1908 [County Roll 001102]

Franklin County Records: Petitions for Naturalization, 1919-1921 [County Roll 001757]

Garland County Records: Certificates of Naturalization, Books "A-B", 1904-1906 [County Roll 001880]

Greene County Records: Naturalization Records, Names: "A-W," [MFILM County Roll 002017]

Jackson County Records: Naturalization Records, 1910-1919 [MFILM County Roll 002449]

Johnson County Records: Naturalization Records, Books "1-2," 1886-1908 [County Roll 002811]

Lawrence County Records: Naturalization Records, 1909 [County Roll 003004]

Lawrence County Records: Naturalization Papers, Book "A-Z," [County Roll 003047]

Logan County Records: Petition for Naturalization, 1906 [County Roll 003255]

Logan County Records: Naturalization Records, 1912-1929 [County Roll 003255]

Madison County Records: Naturalization Petitions & Records, 1909-1926 [County Roll 003335]

Newton County Records: Naturalization Records, 1908-1927 [County Roll 003701]

Polk County Records: Naturalization Certificates, 1907-1934 [County Roll 003965]

Pope County Records: Naturalization Records, 1909 [County Roll 004018]

Pope County Records: Naturalization Records, 1904-1908 [County Roll 004047]

Prairie County Records: Naturalization Records, Books "1-2," 1910-1912 [County Roll 004126]

Pulaski County Records: Final Naturalizations, Book "1," 1889-1903 [County Roll 004508]

Pulaski County Records: Certificates of Naturalization, 1918 [County Roll 004509]

Pulaski County Records: Naturalization Records, Books "1-2," 1889-1906 [County Roll 004510]

Pulaski County Records: Petitions for Naturalization, Books "1-2," 1918 [County Roll 004510]

Pulaski County Records: Petitions for Naturalization, Books "3-4," 1918 [County Roll 004511]

Pulaski County Records: Petitions for Naturalization, Books "5-9," (part), 1918 [County Roll 004512]

Pulaski County Records: Petitions for Naturalization, Books "9 (part)-12," (part), 1918 [County Roll 004513]

Pulaski County Records: Petitions for Naturalization, Books "12 (part)-14," 1918-1919 [County Roll 004514]

Pulaski County Records: Petitions for Naturalization, #939351-1134250, 1918 [County Roll 004515]

Pulaski County Records: Petitions for Naturalization, #1134251-1134292, 1919 [County Roll 004516]

Randolph County Records: Naturalization Records, Books "1-3," 1908-1947 [County Roll 004801]

Searcy County Records: Naturalization Records, 1919-1921 [County Roll 004981]

Washington County Records: Naturalization Records, 1927-1934 [County Roll 005415]

Passenger Lists

A Supplemental Index to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Atlantic and Gulf Coast Ports (excluding New York), 1820-74 [MG00980 - MG01167]

Index to Passengers Lists of Vessels Arriving into New Orleans, Louisiana, 1853-1899 [MG01168 - MG01199]

Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at New York [MG05811 - MG05816]

Miscellaneous

Registration of Alien Enemies, Federal Judicial District Eastern Arkansas, 1918 [MG03153]

Books

Naturalizations and Declarations of Intent

1918 Camp Pike, Arkansas Index to Soldiers\ Naturalizations, by Desmond Walls Allen [F411.A44 1988]

American Naturalization Processes and Procedures, 1790-1985, by John J. Newman [KF4710.N49 1985]

Davidson County, Tennessee Naturalization Records, 1803-1906, by Mary Sue Smith [F443 .D2 S65 1997]

Declaration of Intention to Become American Citizens: Found in the Circuit Court of St. Louis, Missouri, by St. Louis Genealogical Society [F474 .S2 D43 1970]

Denizations, Naturalizations, and Oaths of Allegiance in Colonial New York, by Kenneth Scott, 1900-1993 [F118 .S36 1975]

Early New York Naturalizations: Abstracts of Naturalization Records from Federal, State, and Local Courts, 1792-1840, by Kenneth Scott [F118 .S363 1981]

Guide to Naturalization Records of the United States, by Christina K. Schaefer [CS49 .S28 1997]

Hamilton County, Ohio Citizenship Record Abstracts, 1837-1916, by Lois E. Hughes [F497 .H2 H84 1991]

Handy Tips on Immigration, Emigration, and Naturalization Sources, by Everton Publishers [CS16 .H36 1989]

Liste des François et Suisses: From An Old Manuscript List of French and Swiss Protestants Settled in Charleston, on the Santee, and at the Orange Quarter in Carolina Who Desired Naturalization, Prepared Probably About 1695-6, by Daniel Ravenel, [F280 .F58 R3 1990]

Locating Your Immigrant Ancestor: A Guide to Naturalization Records, by James C. Neagles [CS47 .L62 N42 1986]

Naturalizations and Declarations of Intention, Washington County, Arkansas, by Lois N. Miller [F417 .W3 N38 1985]

North Carolina Naturalization Index, 1792-1862, by Betty J. Camin [F253 .C33 1989]

Philadelphia Naturalization Records: An Index to Records of Aliens\ Declarations of Intention and/or Oaths of Allegiance, 1789-1880, in United States Circuit Court, United States District Court, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, Quarter Sessions Court, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia, by P. William Filby [CS68 .P540 1982]

South Carolina Naturalizations, 1783-1850, by Brent Holcomb [F268 .H647 1985]

Passenger Lists

A Bibliography of Ship Passenger Lists, 1538-1825: Being a Guide to Published Lists of Early Immigrants to North America, by Richard J. Wolfe, [Z7164.I3 L2 1963]

A Farewell to Famine, by Jim Rees [F396 .R44 1994]

American Passenger Arrival Records: A Guide to the Records of Immigrants Arriving at American Ports by Sail and Steam, by Michael Tepper [CS49 .T46 1993]

Bonded Passengers to America, by Peter Wilson Coldham [CS61 .C673 1983]

Emigrants to Pennsylvania, 1641-1819: A Consolidation of Ship Passenger Lists from the Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, by Michael Tepper [CS68 .E44 1979]

German limmigrants: Lists of Passengers Bound from Bremen to New York, with Places of Origin, by Gary J. Zimmerman [CS627 .Z56 1985 V.1]

Immigrant and Passenger Arrivals: A Select Catalog of National Archives Microfilm Publications United States, by the National Archives and Records Service [CS47 .U55 1983]

Immigrants to the Middle Colonies: A Consolidation of Ship Passenger Lists and Associated Data From the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, by Michael Tepper, [F106 .I47 1979]

New World Immigrants: A Consolidation of Ship Passenger Lists and Associated Data from Periodical Literature, by Michael Tepper [CS68 .N48 1979 V.1]

Passenger Arrivals at the Port of Baltimore, 1820-1834: From Customs Passenger Lists [CS68.T46 1982]

Passenger and Immigration Lists Index: A Guide to Published Arrival Records of about 500,000 Passengers Who Came to the United States and Canada in the Seventeenth, Eighteenth, and Nineteenth Centuries, by P. William Filby [CS68 .P37 F54 1981 V.1]

Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, Cumulated Supplements, by the Gale Research Company [CS68 .P37 F54 1985]

Passenger Arrivals at the Port of Charleston, 1820-1829, by Brent Holcomb [F279.C4 H64 1994]

Passenger Lists from Ireland, by J. Dominick Hackett [E184 .16 H22 1981]

Passengers from Ireland: Lists of Passengers Arriving at American Ports Between 1811 and 1817, by Donald M. Schlegel [E184 .16 S34 1980]

Passengers to America: A Consolidation of Ship Passenger Lists from the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, by Michael Tepper [CS68 .P37 1978]

Passengers to America: A Consolidation of Ship Passenger Lists from the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, by Michael Tepper [CS68 .P266]

Passengers and Immigrants to America, by Maxine Alcorn [CS68 .C49 1984]

Pennsylvania German Pioneers: A Publication of the Original Lists of Arrivals in the Port of Philadelphia From 1727 to 1808, by Ralph Beaver Strassburger [F160 .G3 S8 1980 V.1]

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Records of Emigrants from England and Scotland to North Carolina, 1774-1775, by Albert Ray Newsome [F265 .B7 R4 1976]

Ship Passenger Lists, National and New England, 1600-1825, by Carl Boyer, [CS68 .B75 1977]

Ship Passenger Lists: New York and New Jersey, 1600-1825, by Carl Boyer [CS68 .S54 N49]

Ship Passenger Lists, Pennsylvania and Delaware (1641-1825), by Carl Boyer [F148.B76 1980]

Ship Passenger Lists: Pennsylvania and Delaware (1641-1825), by Carl Boyer [F148 .B76 1992]

Ships Passenger Lists, Port of Galveston, Texas, 1846-1871, by Galveston County Genealogical Society (Tex.) [F385 .S53 1984]

Ship Passenger Lists: The South, 1538-1825, by Carl Boyer [CS68 .B75 1979]

The Compass: A Concise and Factual Compilation of all Vessels and Sources Listed, With Reference made of all of Their Voyages and Some Dates of Registration, by Lawrence B. Bangerter, [CS68 .C738 V.1]

The Famine Immigrants: Lists of Irish Immigrants Arriving at the Port of New York, 1846-1851, by Ira A. Glazier [E184 .I6 F25 1983 V.1]

They Came in Ships, by John Philip Colletta [CS49 .C63 1989]

Pamphlets

"A Little Journey to the Fields of Wonderland," Ray O. Burks, Immigration Agent, Stuttgart, Arkansas [PE 00470]

"An Address to the Citizens of Lee County," J. E. Leary, State Bureau of Immigration, 1888 [PE 04172]

"Camden, Arkansas: Resources and Description, Ouachita County Immigration Society," 1883 [PE 05464]

"Jefferson County, Arkansas: Full Description," Jefferson County Immigration Bureau, 1888 [PE 00136]

"Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at New Orleans 1820-1902," National Archives microfilm, 1969 [PE 08859]

"Pine Bluff and Jefferson County, Arkansas: Full Description," Jefferson County Immigration Bureau, 1893 [PE 00268]

"Quarterly Abstracts Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at New Orleans 1820-1875," National Archives microfilm, 1969 [PE 08860]

"Resources for Genealogy, Local History and Immigration Studies," 1988 [PE 7218]

"The Scene of the Next Great Immigration Movement," Business Men's Club, Fort Smith, Arkansas, 1916 [PE 00402]

Manuscripts

Peil Family Collection, 1840-1863, SMC.51.24 [MG00229]

The Peil family were German American residents of Little Rock, Arkansas. This collection consists of photocopies of family papers including naturalization papers (1840) of Daniel Peil filed in the Pulaski County Circuit Court and Civil War letters of his son, George Peil, written while serving as an officer with Company K of the 26th Arkansas Infantry Regiment.

John W. Shoppach Papers, 1846-1859, SMC.62.2 [MG00234]

Shoppach was Saline County Justice of the Peace and Circuit Court Clerk and eventually served as Alderman and Mayor of Benton, Arkansas. This collection consists of personal papers including naturalization papers from 1854.

Registration of Alien Enemies, Eastern Arkansas [MS000178] [MG03153]

The Alien Enemies List contains United States Department of Justice registration affidavit forms for aliens in 1918. The term alien referred to those individuals who were not U.S. citizens or U.S. nationals.

Alien Enemies List Supplement [MS000263]

The Alien Enemies List contains United States Department of Justice registration affidavit forms for aliens in 1918. Most of the people mentioned in this collection were German immigrants who settled in Arkansas County, near Stuttgart.

Work Progress/Projects Administration Records (WPA) [MS000567]

The Works Progress Administration which became the Work Projects Administration (WPA), was the largest and most ambitious of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal agencies. It began its official work in Arkansas on July 8, 1935, taking over from the Arkansas Emergency Relief Administration (ERA). Also in 1935 the Arkansas Federal Writer's Project was created to focus on the history of Arkansas as part of the American Guide series. Publications such as these would give points of interest from each state. Topics on agriculture, geography and geology, history, Indians, industry, place names, and transportation were covered. Bernie Babcock became the first director of the Arkansas Federal Writer's Project program and she also served as the first director of the Historical Records Survey in Arkansas. The Work Projects Administration's final report for Arkansas was completed on March 1, 1943. During its operations it expended more than \$116,000,000 on employment programs, paved over 11,000 miles of roads, built over 600 new public schools, and repaired many others. The programs were scaled down shortly after the United States' entry into World War II and liquidated in 1943.

Arkansas's records were retrieved by Dr. John L. Ferguson from the basement of the State Capitol building with the permission of Kelley Bryant, Secretary of State, Little Rock, Arkansas, about 1963. This collection consists of correspondence, reports, interviews, and publications relating to Arkansas, its records and its people. Also included in this collection is an index to naturalization records in Arkansas, 1809-1906, and Arkansas research files which contain county histories including details on their immigrant population.